

**Superior Town Council  
Town Council Meeting**

**Thursday, July 5, 2007  
Superior Senior Center  
Superior, Arizona**

**M I N U T E S**

**A. Call to Order**

In the absence of Mayor Hing, Councilmember Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**B. Salute to the Flag**

Councilmember Lopez led the Town Council, staff and the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

**C. Opening Prayer**

Councilmember Lopez asked that Pastor John Vasquez to lead the council and audience in an opening prayer. Pastor Vasquez led the group in prayer.

**D. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Valenzuela, Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Heglie, Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Peralta

**Members Absent:** Mayor Hing, Councilmember Marquez

*A quorum was established and the meeting continued*

**F. Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Lopez introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda for approval were:

1. Approval of the Minutes from June 21, 2007 – Regular Meeting
2. Disbursement from June 1-June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$382,464.14
3. Blanket Permit Request (Fundraising for H.S. Softball and Baseball Championship rings)

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **F. Communications**

### **1. Fire Station Design – Rosie Cordova**

Ms. Cordova reported that she had good news regarding the Fire Station. Mr. Gomez made the necessary changes and Wildan will be looking at the plans. She explained that she did not have a timeline for completion at this time.

Ms. Cordova also gave a few other updates to the council through communications. She explained that the GADA payment was paid and that the Mayor scheduled a Work Session to review the Minor General Plan Amendment for the old High School Property. The council directed Ms. Cordova to please notify the residents in the area of the meeting. She also updated the council on the hiring of a Public Works Director. She explained that they had conducted interviews on July 2, 2007.

### **A. Call to the Public**

Councilmember Lopez announced the call to the public. She explained that anyone wishing to speak now could only speak directly to the Council and only for items not on the current agenda.

**David Smith** – explained that he is the owner of lot four in the industrial park. He explained that they are still in the development stage and that they requested permission to move a paint booth up to Superior from their shop in the Valley. He explained that there are over 19 pages of exceptions in the industrial park contracts, and he explained that he needs to finalize this permission so his company can coordinate with DPS, ADOT and the transportation company because this would be classified as an oversized load.

**Jim Gilbert** – Explained that he was going to speak on three items. He expressed his frustration with the police department and the fact that the council did not place the drug problem as a top ten priority for the town. He explained that the chief has files on his desk and does nothing. He suggested that the town put up a sign welcoming drug addict and drug dealers if they are not going to enact a stronger policy on drugs.

Mr. Gilbert explained that none of the department heads that work for the town make \$25.00 an hour. He brought to the council's attention that Ms. Cordova is contracting with Lucky at \$25.00 per hour to go through boxes and organize things. He explained that he would do so for \$8.50 an hour. He explained that Ms. Cordova should resign since she does not have the community interests at heart; he explained that she never returns phone calls or e-mails and rarely is available to talk to at town hall.

Mr. Gilbert also expressed his concerns with the town and Wildan. He explained that it is a shame that people who want to bring business and opportunity to Superior are given the run around by the town and Wildan.

**Carl Vaulkner** – Explained that he had been broken into several times. He requested that the town have adequate police coverage to support its existing staff. He explained that he plans on retiring here but would like to see the police take care of the crime issues.

**Rosie Cordova** – Ms. Cordova explained that she has submitted a letter to the council in regards to hiring lucky. She explained that the town has an administrative contract with Miracle Executive Services but that they were unable to assist with this project. She said she also tried a local temp agency and they could not locate a suitable candidate so she hired Lucky who is familiar with the town operations and records retention. She explained that Lucky is contractual and temporary.

**Pam Rabago** – Ms. Rabago echoed Mr. Vaulkner comments. She expressed her concern and explained that the town should start working on task forces with the county to stop the drug and break in problems.

**Curt Williams** – Mr. Williams expressed his concerns for Downtown Redevelopment. He explained that the town should be trying to work with the buyers of the Magma Hotel and work with them rather than against them. He expressed his concerns about Wildan Engineering.

**Josie Campos** – Ms. Campos thanked everyone for attending the Fourth of July festivities and also thanked everyone that helped with the planning.

**Roy Chavez** – He introduced himself as a resident, business owner and he expressed his concerns regarding the town not having the election for the Home Rule Option. He explained that he voiced his comments out of respect and not out of criticism as he was approached when he was involved with the local government. He explained the only options he felt the town had and explained that all of it would be done on the backs of the tax payers. He also explained that this mishap would not have happened if the town had accountability in leadership within the staff and council. He explained that he is awaiting and anxious to see the official statement from the town.

**A. Business**

**Possible Discussion and/or action on the following**

**1. Discuss/Approve/Reject appointment of Vice Mayor for Town Council**

Councilmember Lopez requested that the item be tabled until the next council meeting in order to allow Mayor Hing and Councilmember Marquez the opportunity to vote.

Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion to table the item. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**1. Discuss/Approve/Reject proposals for lease of transfer stations for metal collection**

Ms. Cordova explained that she was asking for the approval to request for proposals for another company to man the transfer station and operate a recycle station from the transfer station. Discussion followed regarding the use of the transfer station as a recycle center. Questions regarding how this idea came about, what types of recycle materials would be accepted, how this project would help with beautification of the town. Ms. Cordova explained that the Mayor wanted this item on the agenda and approval tonight would only allow staff to post for the RFP's.

After discussion and comments Councilmember Heglie made a motion to table the item until further information could be brought to the council. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**1. Discuss/Approve/Reject administrative services contract with CAAG for the 2007 CDBG grant**

Ms. Cordova explained this item was to approve that CAAG administration contract for the CDBG grant and over see the project for the 2007 grant funds. She did clarify for the Council that the contracts with the project contractors did include performance clauses for completing the projects. Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion to approve the contract. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**1. Discuss/Approve/Reject project management contract for main Street Improvements**

Ms. Cordova explained that CK Group would be doing the project management and explained that they are ready to begin the bid process.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve the project management contract. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**1. Discuss/Approve/Reject proposed amendment to the contract with Pinal-Gila Council for**

**Senior Citizens for Congregate, Home Delivered Meals and Transportation for 2007**

Ms. Cordova explained that this is a routine amendment and represents an actual budgetary change. She explained that the decrease in funding is due to drop in attendance at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Growing Smarter Planning Grant Program Application**

Ms. Cordova explained that this agenda was to approve the Growing Smarter Planning Grant. The grant would be in the amount of \$10,000 and would require a \$5,000 match from the town. She explained this grant would be used for revising the zoning ordinances.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the application. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Ms. Cordova gave a brief explanation of the budget process and reported that this was the tentative budget and that approval now would mean that the budget could decrease but could not increase. Ms. Cordova explained that a copy of the budget would be available for the public on Friday July 6, 2007 (the next day) and anyone who would want a copy would have to pay for the copies. She also explained that the budget would be published in the paper.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the tentative budget. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approve unanimously by a hand vote.

Councilmember Lopez announced that there would not be an executive session.

**I. Council Comments**

**Councilmember Peralta**

Councilmember Peralta explained that the town did have the drug problem listed as one of the top 10 issues.

**Councilmember Cervantes**

Councilmember Cervantes explained that the public works department would be providing a report of things that have been accomplished while he has acted as Volunteer Public Works Director. He explained that extra copies will be made for the public.

**Councilmember Heglie**

No Comments

**Councilmember Valenzuela**

Councilmember Valenzuela gave a history of his time on the council. He explained that he is half way through this tenure and he has seen many changes in the community and acknowledged that more changes still need to be made. He explained that he wants to see the town work with the owners of the Magma Club and explained that once that building is functional, other businesses on Main St. would also start to improve their properties and to open businesses.

Councilmember Valenzuela also referenced that the staff now has 6 employees and that communication needs to be improved on how information comes to the council and staff. He also commented on the comments of Mr. Chavez and explained that he wished Mr. Chavez had stayed till the end of the meeting to hear the council comments and also be true to his concerns for the community.

**Councilmember Lopez**

Councilmember Lopez echoed the remarks of Mr. Valenzuela. She also commended the police chief for improving the police department, and commented that the Fourth of July events were very nice. Councilmember Lopez also gave a report on the NALEO conference that she and other council members attended. She explained that the conference discussed the immigration bill and reported that these issues are based on much more than Hispanic--this bill represents immigration issues for all races and cultures. She also wished the Little League All Stars good luck in their tournaments.

Councilmember Lopez requested the following items be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting:

Sister City issue – find out how that project is going and make sure Councilmember Marquez has sponsorship.

Update on the Resolution Copper project – status of development

Members of the Audience and staff also made various comments during the council comments:

**Curt Williams** - expressed his knowledge of construction and asked the council to work with the new investors. He explained that having the building fixed would be better than having it torn down – but either way something needed to be done for safety.

**Mr. Gilbert** – Explained that the town is not using the most up to date building codes. He explained that the 1997 codes that town uses is better for commercial buildings. He also explained that there is not another resident in town that supports the police department as much as he does. He also encouraged everyone to take a ride in the evening in the US 60 area where you can see the drug deals taking place.

**Ms. Cordova** – Ms. Cordova reminded the council that she would be having meetings on Monday morning with investors for the Magma Hotel. She did explain that the Magma Hotel meeting was not a public meeting.

**J. Executive Session – Was not held**

**K. In Public Session**

**Executive Session Discussion**

**A. Adjournment**

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/ Rosie Cordova  
Rosie Cordova  
Town Manager/Clerk

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